

## The Florida House of Representatives

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## Statement from Speaker Cannon Regarding House Passing Legislation to Address Unemployment Compensation

**Tallahassee**—Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park) today released the following statement regarding the Florida House passing CS/CS/HB 7005 Unemployment Compensation.

"Today the Florida House responded to the needs of Florida's job creators – our business community – by making important changes to the unemployment compensation tax system to ease the looming tax increases in the short term, while at the same time making needed adjustments to promote the long-term stability of the program.

"Florida businesses have already received their tax bills which become due April 1, 2011. Legislation passed today will help ease that tax increase.

"Government cannot create jobs. What we can do is work to increase stability and consistency in Florida's tax and regulatory framework, so that businesses will have the confidence to create jobs in the private sector.

"We encourage our partners in the Florida Senate to take up this critical legislation as we work together to empower private sector job creation. Swift action to head off this tax increase is essential."